

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1085

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Molly Burrows of Eagleville High School on winning the TSSAA Class A-AA State Pentathlon Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted student-athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of our State; and

WHEREAS, Molly Burrows of Eagleville High School is one such noteworthy athlete who recently attained an unparalleled measure of athletic success when she captured the TSSAA State Pentathlon Championship title for Class A-AA on May 22, 2006, at the BlueCross Spring Fling held at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her remarkable achievement, Ms. Burrows becomes the first state champion in Eagleville High School history in either individual or team athletic competition, in addition to earning Eagleville 10 team points in the state meet; and

WHEREAS, the pentathlon is an extremely demanding event; pentathlon athletes compete individually in five events, the 100-meter hurdles, the long jump, the high jump, the shot put, and the 800-meter run, earning points based on their individual results that are then cumulatively tallied for a total score; and

WHEREAS, with a winning total of 2,665 points, Molly Burrows defeated her closet rival by 32 points after running the 100-meter hurdles in 16.73 seconds, traveling 15 feet and 3.25 inches in the long jump, hurling the shot put 28 feet and 10.5 inches, clearing 4 feet and 6 inches in the high jump, and clinching the title with a 2 minute and 34.31 second time in the 800-meter run; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding athlete who placed fifth in last year's pentathlon championship, Ms. Burrows was determined to improve upon that rank as she quickly won the first event, the 100-meter hurdles, to earn 627 points. She held on to her top ranking after the second event, scoring 466 points in the long jump; and

WHEREAS, slipping to fourth place after the high jump, Molly bounced back with one of her better throws in the shot put; trailing the leader by 35 points, she was still in fourth place overall entering the final event, the 800-meter run; and

WHEREAS, knowing that she had to push and give it her best, Ms. Burrows placed fourth in the 800-meter run, earning 640 points in the final event to give her the overall lead and the pentathlon championship; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding state champion enjoyed the dedication and support of Eagleville Coach Nancy Caukin, who is rightfully very proud of Molly's wonderful victory; and

WHEREAS, Molly Burrows epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are vital in achieving success and that are also characteristic of a true Tennessean; the talent and determination exhibited by this young woman surely bode well for her future endeavors as she furthers her education and continues her track and field career at King College; and

WHEREAS, Molly Burrows's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Molly Burrows on winning the Class A-AA State Pentathlon Championship and join with her family, friends, and the Eagleville High School community in celebrating her tremendous achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to her our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.